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: DECISION GRANTING PETITION  
: UNDER 37 CFR 1.378(c)  
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed January 24, 2005, to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.


The patent issued on April 9, 1996. The grace period for paying the second maintenance fee expired at midnight on April 9, 2004. Therefore, since this petition was filed within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), the petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

Accordingly, the maintenance fee in this case is hereby accepted, and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

The address of record differs slightly from the petitioner's address. While a courtesy copy of this petition is being sent to person signing the instant petition, all future correspondences will be directed to the address currently of record until such time as appropriate instructions are received to the contrary.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Denise Pothier at (571) 272-4787.

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